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SUBJECT : Possible Missile Transporters NO: PIC/JB-20/59
Identified at Antiaircraft Garrisons DATE: 8 December 1959
LOCATION : Ural Mountains Area, USSR

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PRIOR REPORT:

CIA. PIC/JR-21/59, Surface-to-Air Missile Sites in the Ural Mountains Area, USSR, Aug 59 [REDACTED]

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MAP DATA:

ATMP 0156-8A, Series 200 (S)
0156-13A, Series 200 (S)
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0156-23A, Series 200 (S)
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0164-8A, Series 200 (S)

REMARKS:

Photography of [REDACTED] shows the presence of antiaircraft garrisons containing possible missile transporters in six of seven areas in the Ural Mountains, USSR. These seven areas include atomic energy and key industrial
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complexes which are defended by a total of 19 hexagon-type surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites. The presence of the possible transporters suggests that these garrisons may be support centers for the SAM sites. The six areas in which the garrisons are located are (1) Verkh-Neyvinsk, (2) Chelyabinsk, (3) Nizhnaya Tura, (4) Nizhniy Tagil, (5) Sverdlovsk, and (6) Magnitogorsk. The quality and obliquity of the photography precludes identification of any such garrison in the seventh area, Yuryuzan. A brief description of equipment resembling missile transporters found in the motor pools of these six anti-aircraft garrisons follows.

1. Verkh-Neyvinsk Area

The garrison located within the Verkh-Neyvinsk atomic energy installation at 57°16'N/60°05'E contains 23 possible missile transporters, each measuring 45 to 50 feet in length, in addition to other vehicles and support facilities.

2. Chelyabinsk Area

The garrison located in the southwestern section of Chelyabinsk at 56°51'N/60°36'E contains 13 possible missile transporters, each measuring approximately 45 feet in length, in addition to numerous conventional anti-aircraft weapons.

3. Nizhnaya Tura Area

The garrison located within the Nizhnaya Tura atomic energy complex at 58°40'N/59°37'E contains approximately 10 possible missile transporters, each measuring 45 to 50 feet in length, in addition to 24 tarpaulin-covered conventional anti-aircraft weapons.

4. Nizhniy Tagil Area

The garrison located 3 nautical miles south-southeast of Nizhniy Tagil at 57°52'N/60°00'E contains approximately 40 vehicles, each measuring 45 to 50 feet in length. These vehicles appear to be missile transporters.

5. Sverdlovsk Area

The garrison located in the northern section of Sverdlovsk at 56°54'N/60°36'E contains approximately 24 possible prime movers, each measuring 20 to 25 feet in length, and 24 possible trailers, each measuring 30 to 35 feet in length. These trailers are aligned directly behind the prime movers. Additional equipment identified includes 29 conventional anti-aircraft weapons.

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6. Magnitogorsk Area

The garrison located 4 nautical miles south of Magnitogorsk at 53°19'N/59°05'E contains approximately 5 trailers, each measuring 30 to 35 in length, in addition to 32 conventional antiaircraft weapons. No tractors for the trailers at this garrison can be identified.

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